

Leland Ossian Howard, 1857-1950

Dr. L. O. Howard, distinguished, honorary member of the New York Entomological Society died on May 1, at his home, 45 Pondfield Road, Bronxville, N. Y., at the age of 92. He was born in Rockford, Ill., June 11, 1857. He joined the U. S. Department of Agriculture in 1878 and following the retirement of C. V. Riley in 1894, he became Chief Entomologist of the Department of Agriculture in which position he was active in developing the entomological work of the department. After his retirement as chief of the bureau of entomology in 1927, he was appointed principal entomologist until 1931. His numerous and varied contributions to economic entomology, medical entomology and to parasitic Hymenoptera, and his influence on the development of entomology in America earned him world-wide recognition and he was honored many times, in this country and abroad, for his achievements.

Dr. Howard was admired and affectionately regarded by many entomologists. He always had time to be helpful, agreeable, and to be interested in the work of other entomologists. And his office in the old, red-brick Agricultural Building was always open to visitors, without any red-tape. His place in the history of entomology is enviable and assured.—H. B. W.